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CONGRESS OF HUNGARIAN-SOVIET SOCIETY

The second congress of the MSZT (Magyar Szovjet Tarsasag, Hungarian-Soviet Society) was held at Budapest 14 - 15 February 1953 with an attendance of 700 members, including J. D. Kiselev, Soviet Ambassador; N. G. Reznichenko, First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy; Ferenc Erdei, Minister of Agriculture and President of the MSZT; Jozsef Rovai, Minister of Culture; Istvan Dobi, Chairman of the Presidential Council; Sandor Ronai, member of the Politburo of the Hungarian Workers Party; Jozsef Darvas, Minister of Education; Istvan Denes, Secretary General of DISZ (Dolgozo Ifjak Szovetsége, Federation of Working Youth); Albert Bereczky, Protestant bishop; Laszlo Dezser, Evangelical bishop; Arpad Hazi, Deputy Minister President; Laszlo Kovacs, Debrecen secretary of the MSZT; Ri Sun Mo, representative of the Korea-Soviet Society; Brig Gen Istvan Otta; Endre Domanovsky, Munkacsy-Prize-winning painter; Aurel Duma, representative of the Rumanian-Soviet Society; Mrs. Laszlo Erdei, Deputy Secretary General of the MNDSZ (Magyar Nők Dolgozo Szovetsége, Federation of Hungarian Working Women); Masin Krci, representative of the Albanian-Soviet Society; Endre Valko, Secretary General of the Magyar és Természettudományi Egyesületek Szovetsége (Association of Technical and Scientific Societies); Sandor Nagy, Stalin-Prize-winning author; Endre Gellert, chief stage director of the National Theater; Stefan Major, representative of the Czechoslovak-Soviet Friendship Society; Fytko Ivanov, representative of the Bulgarian-Soviet Society; Endre Nemesz, Professor at the Veszprem University of the Chemical Industry; Dr Imre Szabo, Catholic bishop; Ernest Petit, representative of the French-Soviet Society; Dr Zoltan Bene, director of the Szolnok hospital; Lajbuz Dugensurum, representative of the Mongol-Soviet Society; Kurt Sedlmayr, Kossuth-Prize-winning seed specialist; Mirja Kuonaniemi, representative of the Finnish-Soviet Society; Ferenc Horvath, director of the Magyar Néphadsereg Színház (Theater of the Hungarian People's Army); and Wei Ch'ueh, representative of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society.

The principal address was delivered by Bela Kelen, Secretary General of the MSZT, who praised the USSR for the help which it had given to Hungary and stated that the membership of the MSZT has exceeded 1,300,000.

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Jozsef Revai extolled the USSR as the teacher of the Hungarian people and gave credit to the MSZT for its work in promoting friendship between the USSR and Hungary.

Wei Ch'ueh said that the Sino-Soviet Friendship Society has 59,931,540 members. Yi Sun-mo spoke of the resistance of the Korean people against extended Hungary's gratitude to the USSR for sending several prominent Soviet physicians to Hungary.

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